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April 10, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 740, an Act regulating the administration of drugs to wildlife under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources and providing a penalty.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver".

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 740

AN ACT

REGULATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO WILDLIFE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.40 USE OF DRUGS ON WILDLIFE -- PENALTY.

1. For the purposes of this section, "drug" means any chemical substance, other than food, that affects the structure or biological function of any wildlife under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources.


2. Except with written authorization from the director or the director's designee or as otherwise provided by law, a person shall not administer any drug to any wildlife under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources, including but not limited to drugs used for fertility control, disease prevention or treatment, immobilization, or growth stimulation.

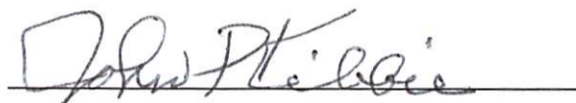
3. This section does not prohibit the treatment of sick or injured wildlife by a licensed veterinarian or holder of a wildlife rehabilitation permit.

4. This section shall not be construed to limit employees of agencies of the state, the United States, or local animal control officers, licensed animal shelters, or licensed pounds in the performance of their official duties related to public health, wildlife management, or wildlife removal. However, a drug shall not be administered by any person for fertility control or growth stimulation except as provided in subsection 2.

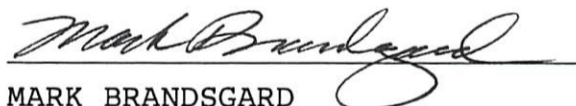
5. An officer of the department may take possession of or dispose of any wildlife under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources that the officer reasonably believes has been administered drugs in violation of this section.

6. A person who violates this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

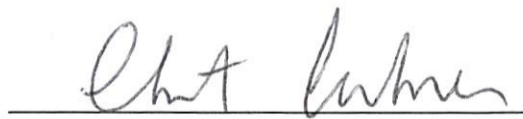

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 740, Eighty-second General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 10th, 2007


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor